9.	Syndicate bank	299.40
1	United Bank of India	618.06
1	UCO Bank	546.45

(a) and (g) The working of nationalised banks is reviewed on an on-going basis by the Reserve Bank of India and the Government. The nationalised banks have taken steps to improve their performance in terms of profitability, productivity and efficiency.

Central Assistance to Karnataka

3735. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka had made a request for Central .assistance for setting up a project for restoration and reconstruction of developmental infrastructure in the State affected by flash floods in 1991 and consequently in 1992, involving an outlay of Rs. 1050 crores;

(b) whether the Department of Economic-Affairs at the Centre has reacted with a few suggestions to the State to restrict the proposal only to rehabilitation and disaster preparedness aspects and whether the State Government has agreed to consider and accept the suggestions;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that the State is now reeling under the impact of flash floods; fourth year in a row and unable to mobilise resources to restore the basic infrastructure ravaged by the floods; and

(d) what is the likely content cf Centres relief package both on accout of relief work necessitated by past floods and the current one in 1994?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKAR MURTHY): (a) and (d) Government of Karnataka had prepared a Project for Restoration and Reconstruction of Developmental Infrastructure in flood affected areas of Karnataka State at a cost of Rs. 1050.30 crores, the main components of the Project Report are reconstruction of damaged major and minor irrigation, flood control, ami sea-erosion, road construction, forestry for flood-prone areas, electricity transmission & distribtuion system and housing. The Project proposal also contains reconstruction of developmental infrastructure damaged during floods in 1991 and 1992.

The project proposal was posed to the World Bank for assistance. The Bank has informed that it does not have any project vehicle at this time and they do not see the possibility for picking this up in the near future given the other projects in the pipeline.

During the cuurent monsoon, incessant and heavy rains have resulted in serious flood situation in parts of the State. According to information received from Government of Karnataka, the details are as under:—

Number of District affected :	11
Number of Villages affected :	5606
Area affected	: 24.16 lakhs ha.
Crop area affected	6.35 lakhs ha.
Population affected	47 39 lakhs
House damage	: 25177
Human lives lost	64

Under the existing scheme for financing expenditure, the State Govt, is required to undertake relief and rehabilitation measures in the wake of all natural calamities using the corpus of Calamity Relief Fund allocated to the State.

Loans to Backward and Weaker Sections

3736. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the public sector banks have been directed to assist in the improvement of economic condition of backward and weaker sections of society by extending them loans;

(b) if so, what are the details of the directives and to what extent these directives have been implemented by the banks;

(c) whether it is also a fact that backward and weaker sections are being discouraged and humiliated by many bank officers in the absence of clear directives and misleading interpretation thereof,

(d) whether such cases have been brought to the notice of Government; and

(e) if so, what is the number and details of such cases brought to the Governments notice during each of the last three years alongwith the action taken thereon?